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Shabbat Pareshat Vayakhel - Parah

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Paresha D'var Torah

Pareshat Vayakhel
First Torah Shemot 35:1-38:20
Second Torah: Bemidbar 19:1-22
Focal Points
By Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetzky

The commands for the building of the Mishkan were fully meted. The job was winding down, and this week in Parshas Vayakhel Moshe instructs the nation with the final directives of the monumental task. First, however, he has a message. The portion begins telling us that Moshe gathered the nation and told them that "six days you shall work and the seventh day shall be holy – you shall not kindle fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath day" (Exodus 35:1-2). Only then does he continue with the directives that pertain to the erection of the Mishkan.

The strange juxtaposition of the laws of Shabbos in the midst of all the instructions of building a sanctuary is cause for concern. That is why our sages explain that Moshe was informing the Jewish people that despite its importance building a Mishkan does not pre-empt the Sabbath. All work must cease on Shabbos regardless of how it may impact the progress of the Mishkan.

Yet what must be analyzed are the seemingly disconnected verses. Why didn't the Torah tell us of Shabbos' power in a straightforward way, by openly directing the nation "thou shall not construct the Mishkan on the Shabbos." Why juxtapose Shabbos as a stand-alone unit, leaving us to infer its overriding power through scriptural juxtaposition? In fact, the words "you shall not kindle fire in any of your dwellings on the Sabbath" make the command seem totally irrelevant to Mishkan per se and applicable to each and every individual homemaker. If so, the command truly seems out of place. It seems that regardless of its relation to the laws of construction, the theme of Shabbos plays a greater role vis-a-vis the Mishkan. What is it?

A famous Magid was asked to lecture in a prosperous and modern city. Before he was to speak, he was told to consult with the synagogue's president. "This is a very distinguished community," he was told "and we must be careful. We surely would not want to offend anyone with, even the slightest rebuke." The Magid met the president who was sitting in a richly upholstered leather armchair behind a mahogany desk. As the Magid entered, the man rested his lit cigar on the corner of a brass ashtray.

"Rabbi," asked the president, "you have a reputation as a remarkable speaker. One who inspires crowds and makes – might I say – waves. Pray tell me," He continued "what are you intending to speak about in our town?"

The Magid promptly replied, "I intend to talk about Shabbat observance. The president's face turned crimson. "Oh no dear rabbi, please. In this town, such talk will fall on deaf ears. We all struggle to make a living and Shabbos is just not in the cards. I implore you. Talk about something else."

Z'manei Tefillah

Friday, March 21, 2025

Candlelighting (not before 6:14) 7:12 p.m.
Mincha 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 22, 2025 Vayakhel – Parah

Shacharit, 9:00 a.m.
Latest Shema 10:21 a.m.
Mincha 7:10 p.m.
Shkiya 7:32 p.m.
Motzaei Shabbat 8:18 p.m.

Sunday- Thursday, March 23-28, 2025

Earliest Tallit & Tefillin 6:17-6:07 a.m.
Shacharit, Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Shacharit, Monday, Thursday 6:45 a.m.
Shacharit, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 a.m.
Mincha/Maariv, Sunday-Thursday **Plag** 6:05 p.m.

Friday, March 28, 2025

Candlelighting (not before 6:20) 7:20 p.m.
Mincha **Plag** 6:05 p.m.

Please note that starting **Sunday, March 23, Mincha / Maariv will be early, at PLAG HAMINCHA**. In order to daven Maariv before sunset, Mincha must be before **PLAG HAMINCHA**. Consequently, as **PLAG HAMINCHA** shifts in time during the summer months, we adjust the time for Mincha as well.

Women's Meetup Group 60 Plus – April 2, 2025 @1:30 PM

Our Women's Meetup 60 Plus will meet at B'nai Torah on Wednesday, **April 2 @ 1:30 PM**. If you're interested in joining us, please contact **Elaine Lazarus** at elainelazarus@gmail.com. For more information, see flyer on page 4.

Mechirat Chametz

The form for selling Chametz is now available. It is attached to the cover email as a fillable PDF. Rabbi Rosenberg will be available on Sundays and Thursdays between Mincha and Maariv. The form can also be emailed to meirtrosenberg@gmail.com. Please return this form to Rabbi Meir Rosenberg by **Thursday, April 10, 2025 or Wednesday April 9** if you will be traveling to Israel or another time zone.

Zoom Shabbat Hagadol Drasha

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

By Rabbi Rosenberg

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to mark the shloshim for **Shirley Zuck**,

Sarah Rivka bat Yechiel Chaim v' Rachele Golda, z"l.

Lifecycle

Refuah Sheleimah:

- Refuah Sheleimah to all the cholim and all those who were wounded or kidnapped and who are suffering at this time. Tefillot and Tehillim said on behalf of the cholim are much appreciated.

Nichum Aveylim:

- Sincere condolences to the family of our member, **Charlotte Huberman, Charna bat Nissen, z"l** on her loss. Shiva is being observed at **80 Antibes Drive, #1802**.
Shiva visiting hours are: **Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Shiva visits will conclude Sunday evening, March 23.**
Condolence cards may be sent through the B'nai Torah Sisterhood. To do so, please contact Elaine Tanenzapf at lainny@rogers.com. May the family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

We Thank Our Sponsors:

The Kiddush this Shabbat is sponsored by:

- **Haim and Mireille Moussadji**, to commemorate the yahrzeits of Haim's father Yaacov Ben Haim, z"l, Haim's brother Sion Ben Yaacov, z"l, Haim's mother Sarah bat Yoseph, z"l, and Mireille's mother Fortune Mazal bat Yoseph HaCohen, z"l.

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- Sponsored by **Andrea Stern and Isaac Singer**, in honour of their son Jonathan, who recently served as a reservist in the IDF and in honour of all the other reservists and Chayalim.
- **The Korman family.**

Israel News can be found at Israel News.

Daf Yomi

Mar. 22, 2025	Shabbat	22 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 95
Mar. 23, 2025	Sunday	23 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 96
Mar. 24, 2025	Monday	24 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 97
Mar. 25, 2025	Tuesday	25 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 98
Mar. 26, 2025	Wednesday	26 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 99
Mar. 27, 2025	Thursday	27 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 100
Mar. 28, 2025	Friday	28 Adar 5785	Sanhedrin 101

Synagogue Notes

Siyum Bechorim:

This year, because Erev Pesach falls on Shabbat, the fast of the firstborn is pushed back to **Thursday, April 10**. Those *Bechorim* who do not wish to fast should attend a *Siyum*. Rabbi Rosenberg will be making a *Siyum* here at shul after shacharit.

COR Passover Guide:

The **2025 COR Passover Magazine** can be found at:
<https://cor.ca/2025/03/2025-cor-passover-magazine-2/>
Hard copies are also available in shul.

Maot Chittim:

The B'nai Torah Tzedakah Fund is now accepting donations for Maot Chittim, for those in need for Pesach. Contributions can be made by credit card, cheque or E-transfer to marinagerstein@gmail.com. Thank you to all those who contributed to Matanot L'Evyonim.!

Weekday Minyan Attendance:

With many of our snowbird having flown south, B'nai Torah is having difficulty in making a minyan on weekdays. Anyone who can attend at this time is encouraged to do so. Think of it as doing your Jew-ry duty! '

D'var Torah Continued:

The rabbi pondered. "Perhaps I should talk about kashrut." "Kashrut? Please," begged the president, "don't waste your time. There hasn't been a kosher butcher in this town for years."

"How about tzedaka?" offered the Magid. "Charity? Give us a break. Do you know how many shnorrers visit this town each week. We are sick of hearing about charity!"

Meekly the Magid made another suggestion. "Tefillah? (prayer)"

"Please. In a city of 1,000 Jewish families, we hardly get a weekday minyan. The synagogue is never filled except on the High Holy Days. No one would be interested."

Finally, the Magid became frustrated. "If I can't talk about Shabbos, and I can't talk about tzedakah, and I can not discuss kashrut, what do you want me to talk about?" The president looked amazed. "Why, rabbi" exclaimed the president. "That's easy! Talk about Judaism!"

By placing the concept of Shabbos in general, and one of its detailed laws in particular, smack in the middle of the architectural directives of a most glorious edifice, the Torah was telling us that although we may build beautiful palaces in which to serve the Almighty, however, if we forget the tenets of our faith, those great structures are meaningless. Shabbos was mentioned as a separate unit because its relevance is even greater than its ability to halt construction. A Jew must remember that without Shabbos, without kashrut, without tefillah, a beautiful sanctuary is no more enduring than a castle in the air.

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Yahrzeits for the Week of March 23-28, 2025

<u>Deceased Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Member or Affiliate Name</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Hebrew Date</u>
Berta Korman	mother	Avraham Korman	Sunday	Adar 23
Sara Yunger	mother	Eli Yunger	Sunday	Adar 23
Erno Zicherman	father	George Zicherman and Robert Zicherman	Sunday	Adar 23
Joseph Adler	father	Shabsie Adler	Monday	Adar 24
Mendel Kaufman	father	Zev Kaufman	Monday	Adar 24
Al Shecter	father	Debbie Cherniak	Monday	Adar 24
Sydney Eisen	husband	Doris Eisen	Tuesday	Adar 25
Solomon Yuspoff	father	Rebecca Mammon	Tuesday	Adar 25
Arthur Kaplan	Husband	Mollie Kaplan	Wednesday	Adar 26
Leon Kinsbrunner	father	Camelia Pick	Wednesday	Adar 26
Sarah Moussadji	mother	Haim Moussadji	Wednesday	Adar 26
Tyrza Wagensberg	mother	Hanna Katz	Wednesday	Adar 26
Henry Dominitz	father	Helen Zicherman	Friday	Adar 28
Ernest Weiss	father	Judy Scheininger	Friday	Adar 28
Jacob Paul Zolty	father	Netta Epstein	Friday	Adar 28
Anne Mayer	mother	Frank Mayer	Shabbat	Adar 29
Albert Silverman	brother	Susan Jutovich	Shabbat	Adar 29
Please consider making a donation to B'nai Torah in memory of your loved one.				

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JEWISH WOMEN'S *meetup 60+*

Meet people, socialize, share experiences and
celebrate life's journey.



THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:

Friendships and Social Connections

Join us for a discussion on how friendships
shape our lives and evolve over time.

LOCATION

B'nai Torah Synagogue
465 Patricia Ave.
(off Bathurst between Finch
and Steeles)

RSVP: Elaine Lazarus at
elainelazarus@gmail.com

*No Cost to
attend*

**APRIL 2 AT
1:30 PM.**

